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Fighting continues in the northern part of the country. In southeastern Thua Thien Province, both sides are trying to secure high ground positions overlooking Route 1. Despite intense fighting in the past few days, neither side has reached the summit of the prominent mountain in this sector. Government forces in Quang Nam Province also are encountering stiff opposition in their drive to gain control of the high ground just north, of Thuong Duc district town which fell to the Communists in early August. The South Vietnamese on October 1 captured a prisoner from the North Vietnamese 304th Division's 66th Regiment. This confirms that units from each of the division's four regiments are in this area. In Kontum Province,

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Communist gunners are maintaining pressure on the government outpost at Chuong Nghia.